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1. The practice of preparing overview reports, the *Message Stick* (the quarterly newsletter) and the database on the implementation of recommendations should be sustained. The secretariat should review oral interventions delivered during sessions of the Permanent Forum and note references made to the implementation of recommendations, which should be added to information provided in written submissions.

2. The Forum and the Inter-Agency Support Group should continue to reflect on how best to have the recommendations of the Forum implemented by United Nations bodies and agencies, including proposals on how the recommendations should be packaged and information that indigenous peoples can use to influence decisions within the United Nations system.

3. The Forum decides to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteurs, Victoria Tauli-Corpuz and Wilton Littlechild, to deal with recommendations that emerged from the previous sessions aimed at rationalization, clustering and avoiding duplication.

4. Good practices in terms of the implementation of recommendations should be disseminated more widely so that they can provide examples for indigenous peoples, the United Nations system, Governments and others.

5. Governments and indigenous peoples' organizations are encouraged to submit written reports of how they have implemented the recommendations addressed to them, including a description and analysis of facilitating and hindering factors, together with recommendations on how to address obstacles.

6. Indigenous peoples' organizations should be encouraged to engage in their own monitoring of the implementation of Forum recommendations to the United Nations system and others at the local, country and regional levels. Reports may be

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submitted to the Forum by indigenous peoples' organizations to enhance the Forum's understanding of the level of implementation of its recommendations.

7. The Forum welcomes the discussion with the Inter-Agency Support Group and indigenous representatives on the draft toolkit and the development advocacy framework to enhance the work of the United Nations with indigenous peoples at the country and regional levels and urges finalization of the revised toolkit and the development advocacy framework and their presentation to the United Nations Development Group for further use by country teams.

8. The Forum recognizes the need to consolidate and coordinate better activities and capacity-building regarding indigenous issues at the country and regional levels and recommends that the United Nations Development Programme inform United Nations resident coordinators, regional directors and United Nations country teams, respectively, and establish inter-agency coordination mechanisms at those levels.

9. The Forum recognizes the need to establish a dialogue with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development on the reflection of indigenous issues in policies related to official development assistance.

10. The Forum considers continued analysis of national reports on the Millennium Development Goals vital to ensure that they take into account the realization of the rights of indigenous peoples and indigenous perspectives.

11. The Forum expresses appreciation to the World Health Organization and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS for their invitation to the Forum for an official visit to those agencies, conducted in November 2005, and is looking forward to a strengthened and continuing cooperation with those agencies.

12. The Forum acknowledges the need to broaden cooperation with different regional institutions and expresses its gratitude to the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation for its proposal of cooperation aimed at increasing the capacity and opportunity of indigenous peoples at the global and regional levels.

13. The Forum decides to continue its work to prepare a compilation of its current practices and methods of work and further decides to appoint Parshuram Tamang and Yuri Boychenko as special rapporteurs within existing resources to develop a questionnaire to enhance agencies' reporting to the Forum and requests the views of the agencies in that respect. The special rapporteurs are urged to submit proposals for a questionnaire to be discussed at the sixth session of the Forum.

14. The Forum recommends that United Nations agencies provide technical assistance and convene regional workshops on the special theme of its sixth session, territories, lands and resources, to formulate recommendations for consideration as part of its preparatory work for the session.

15. Taking into account the importance of migration and urbanization for indigenous issues, the Forum will consider devoting a special theme of one of its future sessions to that issue.

16. Special attention should be paid at the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development to indigenous peoples. Given that indigenous peoples are closely tied to their communities, their migration often has a broader impact than individual migration. In particular, indigenous migration affects the collective

rights of indigenous communities and accordingly has consequences for entire communities.

17. International law concerning the nexus between migration and indigenous peoples should be effectively implemented. It should also be recognized that various actors, including indigenous leaders, should be involved in efforts to address the nexus between indigenous peoples and migration.

18. Discussions on migration should not be limited to its economic and social consequences but should also address the cultural impact of migration.

19. The positive potential of indigenous migration for development and the sustenance of indigenous communities should also be highlighted and further explored.

20. The Forum appoints special rapporteurs to prepare reports and recommendations on how it implements its human rights mandate without duplicating the work of other human rights bodies and mechanisms and on how it can coordinate and complete its work on human rights and report to the next session.

21. The Forum reiterates its recommendations on the establishment of the indigenous fellowship programme in its secretariat[1] and requests Governments, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, other donors and foundations to contribute to the fellowship programme so that it can be launched and administered in 2007.

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[1] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2004, Supplement No. 23* (E/2004/43), paras. 106-109.